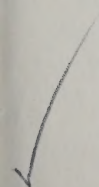


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Town of  
Bridgewater



For the year ending Jan. 30, 1955





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## TOWN OFFICERS

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MODERATOR	Harold E. Perkins
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TOWN CLERK	A. M. Cram
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TOWN TREASURER	A. M. Cram
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### SELECTMEN

Albert C. Adams	Frank N. Jenne	Edwin R. Putnam
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ROAD COMMISSIONER	Robert V. Bridge
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OVERSEER OF THE POOR	Harold E. Perkins
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### LISTERS

Frank Bassett	Louis Phelps	Gilbert Adams
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### AUDITORS

Katherine Mosher	Kenneth Atwood	Marjorie Bridge
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CONSTABLE	Glenn H. Woods
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### SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Vaughan Taylor	Lucy Prior	Eugene Leavitt
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GRAND JUROR	A. M. Cram
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TOWN AGENT	Kenneth Atwood
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TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS	A. M. Cram
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### FENCE VIEWERS

Leon Webb	Carroll Taylor	Paul Townsend
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POUND KEEPER	Leon Webb
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SURVEYOR OF WOOD & LUMBER	Duane Wilson
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TREE WARDEN	Duane Wilson
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### JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Myrtle P. Adams	Harold E. Perkins	Lucy H. Prior
	Glenn H. Woods	Robert W. Southgate

TOWN REPRESENTATIVE	Royal E. Fraser
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TAX RATE	\$6.00	GRAND LIST	\$7,844.43
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## WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Bridgewater, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet in basement of the Village School building in said town on Tuesday, March 1st, 1955 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business, viz:

1. Shall licenses for malt and vinous beverages be granted in this town? Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this town?
2. To act upon reports submitted.
3. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to acquire by gifts or purchase land for a Municipal forest, to promote reforestation, water conservation and good forestry practices?
4. To see if the town will vote to have two road commissioners.
5. To elect all necessary town officers and town district school officers.
6. To see if the town will vote to collect its taxes or any part thereof by its Town Treasurer; and to vote the amount of discount allowed.
7. To see if the town will vote to abate or remit taxes.
8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the Library building in Bridgewater Center.
9. To see if the town will vote to install four street lights in West Bridgewater.
10. To see if the town will vote to raise the appropriation for the Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department of \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 for the period of ten years for the purchase of a new fire truck.
11. To see if the town will vote to raise money to pay its current expenses and any part of its debt, also to pay expenses to the Town School District.
12. To do any other proper or legal business.

Dated at Bridgewater this 28th day of January, 1955.

ALBERT C. ADAMS  
Selectmen — FRANK JENNE  
E. R. PUTNAM

## BRIDGEWATER TOWN REPORT

### Miscellaneous Orders Drawn by Selectmen

Order

No.

284	A. M. Cram, services Clerk, Treasurer and Health Officer for 1953	\$ 187.40
285	Katherine Mosher, auditing and ballot clerk	34.50
286	Grace Josselyn, auditing	31.50
287	Kenneth Atwood, auditing	31.50
288	George Brockway, County and Jail tax	219.03
289	Farm Bureau, Auto Insurance Co., tractor	20.13
290	Vermont Standard, Town reports	108.00
291	Ralph Morgan, Material for Town Clerks office	3.24
293	Frances Perkins, Ballot Clerk	6.00
294	Farm Bureau Insurance Co., Ford	10.64
295	Bridgewater Fire Dept., Town appropriation	500.00
296	Tuttle Stationery Co., Town Officers Bonds and dog books	7.50
297	Winifred B. Cram, Ballot Clerk	6.00
298	Vermont Accident Inc. Co. for Firemen Protection	95.00
299	Reuben Harris, Center Cemetery	11.00
300	Forrest N. Reber, Pearsons case	2.30
301	F. B. Auto Insurance Co., New Dodge	55.58
302	Judge Blake, Pearsons and Bayliss cases	15.85
303	Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies	.90
304	Reuben Harris, Mt. Pleasant, Topliff, Mendall and Josselyn Cemeteries	21.00
305	Willie Archer, Mt. Pleasant, Topliff, Mendall and Josselyn Cemeteries	21.00
306	Forrest N. Reber, Pearsons case	2.30
307	Vermont State Hospital, Pearsons case	22.50
308	Reuben Harris, Mt. Pleasant and Bridgewater Hill	26.00
309	Willie Archer, Mt. Pleasant & Bridgewater Hill	26.00
310	Reuben Harris, Mt. Pleasant N. Bridgewater, Center and Topliff	19.00
311	Willie Archer, Mt. Pleasant N. Bridgewater, Center and Topliff	19.00
312	Farm Bureau Auto Ins. Co., Dodge	13.66
313	C. C. Frost, Cement for cemeteries	4.05
314	Reuben Harris, Mt. Pleasant, Topliff and Center	16.00
315	Paul Le Gendre, Labor on Center Cemetery Wall	105.00
316	Louis Phelps, Taking list and telephone	42.58
317	Gilbert Adams, On acc't. of Quadrennial	25.00
318	G. H. Woods, Town and special meetings	13.00

## Miscellaneous Orders — continued

Order  
No.

319	Frances Perkins, Special Town meeting	7.00
320	Reuben Harris, mowing Center Cemetery	15.00
321	The Vermont Standard, Warning for Special Town Meeting	6.48
322	Reuben Harris, Haying North Bridgewater and Toppliff Cemeteries	30.00
323	Willie Archer, Haying Mendall Cemetery	15.00
324	Tuttle Stationery Co., Record Book for Clerk's Office	69.55
326	Willie Archer, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery haying	30.00
327	Reuben Harris, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery haying	60.00
328	Myrtle Adams, Labor on Listers books	35.00
329	Reuben Harris, Mt. Pleasant, Toppliff and Josselyn	9.50
330	Willie Archer, Mt. Pleasant, Toppliff and Josselyn	9.50
331	Tuttle Stationery Co., Record Books for Clerk's Office	55.97
332	William W. Cassidy, Blister Rust Control	68.20
333	Robert H. Picknell, Blister Rust Control	62.70
334	David F. Lawlor, Blister Rust Control	67.10
335	Hitchcock Clinic, Kenneth Taylor	36.50
336	Gilbert Adams, On acct. quadrennial appraisal	25.00
337	Richard Madden, Mowing Bridgewater Hill Cemetery	18.00
338	Mary Hitchcock Hospital, Kenneth Taylor	10.00
339	F. A. Doubleday, trip to Hanover for Kenneth Taylor	6.00
340	Reuben Harris, Center Cemetery	12.00
341	Gilbert Adams, On acc't. quadrennial appraisal	30.00
342	Gilbert Adams, On acc't. quadrennial appraisal	43.00
343	Forrest N. Reber, on Rambo case	2.30
344	Reuben Harris, Mt. Pleasant & Toppliff Cemeteries	9.00
345	Willie Archer, Mt. Pleasant & Toppliff Cemeteries	9.00
346	Farm Bureau Auto Ins. Co., Ford truck & tractor	32.77
348	Katherine Mosher, Primary Election	6.00
349	Frances Perkins, Primary Election	6.00
350	Irma Vaughan, Primary Election	6.00
451	G. H. Woods, Constable Primary Election	6.00
452	Mary Hitchcock Clinic, Kenneth Taylor	5.00
453	Frank Bassett, Spring & Quadrennial list	156.00
454	Louis Phelps, use of car, labor and postage on Quadrennial	118. 27
455	Judge Blake, Rambo case	12.35
456	Forrest N. Reber, Rambo case	2.30



## Miscellaneous Orders — continued

Order No.		
457	Harold E. Perkins, Insurance on storehouse	17.05
458	Reuben Harris, Mt. Pleasant & Topliff Cemeteries	9.00
459	Willie Archer, Mt. Pleasant & Topliff Cemeteries	9.00
460	John M. Thomas, M.D., Kenneth Taylor	12.00
461	Vermont Standard, Primary Ballots	12.00
462	Harold E. Perkins, Ins. on Road help and Fire Dept.	66.95
463	Myrtle Adams, Work on tax book	46.00
464	W. M. Waterman, M. D., Severance case	14.81
465	Katherine Mosher, Ballott clerk general election	6.00
466	Frances Perkins, Ballott clerk general election	6.00
467	Fred Southgate, Ballot clerk general election	6.00
468	G. H. Woods, Constable general election	6.00
469	Carl Herriman, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery	9.00
470	Farm Bureau Ins. Co., New Dodge	61.00
471	White River Paper Co., Town Clerk supplies	1.10
472	A. C. Adams, on acc't. personal services	48.46
473	Vermont Standard, Ballots	13.20
474	W. M. Waterman, M.D., Kusma Wasiluk	14.34
475	Farm Bureau Auto Ins. Co., Dodge	13.66
476	A. C. Adams, Personal services, use of car, postage and telephone	27.92
155	Gilbert Adams, Listing	50.00
156	Gilbert Adams, Listing	60.00
157	Gilbert Adams, Listing	24.00
158	Frank Jenne, Personal services	26.00
159	Winifred Cram, Working on check list	10.00
401	Bridgewater Woolen Co., Street lights and Town Clerk's office	463.08
402	Gilbert Adams, Listers meeting & expenses	9.00
403	Bridgewater Electric Co., Lights	2.60
404	Vermont Fire Equipment Co., Fire pump parts	14.50
405	Bridgewater Electric Co., Lights	4.28
406	Earle Houghton, Fire permits, postage & mileage	16.28
408	E. R. Putnam, Personal services	15.00
477	A. M. Cram, Services Clerk, Treasurer and Health Officer	214.20
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		\$ 4,123.08

## Orders Drawn By Selectmen For Bridges

Order

No.

112	Carroll Adams, Labor on Perkins Bridge	\$ 3.00
113	Frank Jenne, Labor on Chatteauguay Bridges	51.00
114	Frank Jenne, Labor & help cutting Sidelogs on Bridges	40.00
115	Paul LeGendre, Labor on Oldenburg Bridge	1.50
351	Brian Adams, Labor on Earle Bridge	8.25
352	Wilbur Putnam, Labor on Earle Bridge	8.25
353	E. R. Putnam, Truck, Compressor and labor on Earle Bridge	37.50
544	C. G. Day, Material for Village bridge	2.65
645	Canney Plue Inc., Material for Village Bridge	65.80
646	L. M. Tracy, Freight for Village Bridge	1.70
547	Vermont Structural Steel Corp., for Earle Bridge	204.97
548	New England Metal Culvert Co., Earle Bridge	891.80
549	H. H. Booth, Bridge Plank	80.70
550	Town Treasurer, for Road Commissioner on bridges	42.50
325	H. H. Booth, Plank for Bridges	9.24
983	Arthur Knudson, Labor on bridges from 1952 to 1954	76.00
		\$1,524.86
Appropriation		\$4,706.66
Less than Appropriation		\$3,181.80

## TOWN APPROPRIATIONS — 1954

Schools	\$	2.86	
School Building Debt		.14	
Highway		.35	
Winter Highways		.35	
Bridges		.60	
Poor		.45	
Debt		.25	
Incidentals		1.00	
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	\$		6.00

## Orders Drawn for Borrowed Money

NONE

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### Loans Paid — School Account

Albert & Winifred Cram, bal. No. 1037	\$1,048.15	
E. S. Curtis Estate, School bus Note No. 1310	2,000.00	
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		\$3,048.15

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### General Account

E. S. Curtis, Truck note	\$2,000.00	
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### LISTERS' ACCOUNT

Frank Bassett:

5 days taking list and work on abstract	\$30.00	
21 days on Quadrennial Appraisal and General Meeting	126.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 156.00

Paid by Order 453 156.00

Louis Phelps:

7 days taking list	\$ 42.00	
18 days on Quadrennial Appraisal	108.00	
Use of car	10.00	
Postage, envelopes, telephone	.87	
	<hr/>	\$ 160.87

Paid by order 454 and 316 160.87

Gilbert Adams:

21½ days on Quadrennial Appraisal	\$ 129.00	
21½ days taking list	129.00	
Springfield Listers' Meeting	9.00	
Use of car	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 282.00

Paid by orders No. 317, 336, 341, 342,  
347, 402, 155, 156, 157 282.00



## SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

A. C. Adams:		
Personal Services	\$ 49.00	
Legal Advice	6.00	
Telephone and Postage	3.93	
Use of car	17.45	
	<hr/>	\$ 76.38
Paid by orders No. 472 and 476		76.38
Frank Jenne:		
Personal Services	\$ 26.00	
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Paid by order No. 158		26.00
E. R. Putnam:		
Personal Services	\$ 15.00	
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Paid by order No. 408		15.00

## Dog Account

133 dogs @ \$2.00	\$ 266.00	
22 dogs @ \$6.00	132.00	
7 dogs @ \$3.00	21.00	
2 dogs @ \$9.00	18.00	
1 dog @ \$1.00	1.00	
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165	\$ 438.00	
165 @ 25 cents fee	41.25	
Net to town		\$ 396.75

## OVERSEER'S ACCOUNT

### Orders Drawn on Poor Account

Year Ending January 24, 1955

Rodney Adams Clothing \$175.07, Food \$863.71	
Medical \$70.20, Fuel \$39.00	total \$ 1,147.98
Romaine Rogers, Clothing \$109.89, Food \$496.95	
Medical \$145.15	total 751.99
Lynn Goodnough	152.55
James Plummer	39.65
H. E. Perkins	99.86
Robert Pearsons	5.00
Kenwood George	144.32
Dep't. of Social Welfare	148.45
Order Books	9.85
Eva Bayliss	284.99
Harley Pinney — Medical — Hospital	629.33
Winona Young	35.00
Walter Baker — Hospital	70.00
Verna Hoisington — Hospital	401.46
Kenneth Bridge	35.00
Warren George	29.81
Kenneth Wood	34.66
Kenneth Sawyer	43.99
Edwin Hoisington — Hospital	98.79
Transient	.98
Kusma Wasiluk — Burial	102.50
Joseph Cosmorski	5.00
Paid to persons receiving Old Age Assistance	591.40
Grace Josselyn	180.20

Total	\$ 5,042.76
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Our payment to hospital amounted to \$1,822.21

#### RECEIVED FOR POOR

Town Appropriation	\$3,516.04
From State Edith Howard account	399.78
From Arline Rerosie Helen Derosie account	20.00
From Reuben Harris	10.05
From Horace Hoisington account Verna Hoisington	19.78
From Kenneth Bridge	2.00
From Warren George	9.86
Total Receipts	\$ 3,977.51
Orders drawn	5,042.76
More than appropriation	1,065.25

**Overseer's Account — continued**

**Personal Account Harold E. Perkins—Overseer**

Transportation	\$	40.00	
Cash Paid		34.86	
Services		25.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 99.86
Credit orders No. 356, 364, 41, 89 and 114			\$ 99.86

**Old Age Assistance And Other Aids  
Paid By Town**

Old Age Assistance Tax	\$1,017.90
Department of Social Welfare (by Overseer)	148.45
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	\$1,166.35

**Amounts Spent By The State in the Town for Various  
Types of Welfare as Follows:**

Old Age Assistance	\$6,207.00
Aid to Dependent Children	102.00
Aid to the Disabled	819.00
Committed Children	519.49
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	\$7,647.49



# ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

## Robert Bridge — Personal Services

Winter Work	\$ 844.60	
Summer Work	935.22	
State Aid	174.90	
Unselected Roads	556.80	
Postage and Telephone	9.40	
Cutting Brush	63.80	
	<hr/>	\$2,584.72
Paid by 37 Town orders		\$2,584.72

## SUMMER WORK

Total orders drawn		\$4,530.16
Credits:		
Town Appropriation	\$2,745.55	
Less 5 cents Equipment	392.22	
	<hr/>	\$2,353.33
Truck work for Plymouth	227.85	
Earnings of Truck and Tractor	2,238.25	
Bridge work for Selectmen	42.50	
	<hr/>	\$4,861.93
Balance		331.77
Cutting Brush		330.00
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Final Balance		\$ 1.77

## WINTER WORK

Total orders drawn		\$3,200.30
Credits:		
Town Appropriation	\$2,745.55	
Less 5 cents Equipment	392.22	
	<hr/>	\$2,353.33
Received from Pomfret	30.00	
State Appropriation	1,229.75	
	<hr/>	\$3,613.08
Balance		412.78
Cutting Brush		421.31
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More than appropriation		\$ 8.53

## STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Nine orders	\$ 341.16
State Aid Construction, Center Road	
Orders drawn	\$3,542.03
Paid by State	2,361.34
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Cost to Town	\$1,180.69

## UNSELECTED HIGHWAYS

No. 26 Cemetery Road	\$ 686.56
No. 45 Village Bridge	198.35
No. 3 North Bridgewater	2,088.55
No. 44 Road to Hale Hollow	4,783.16
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	\$7,756.62
Received from State	\$7,754.41
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Cost to Town	\$ 2.21

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## Report of Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

### \$1,000.00 Town Funds for 1953 and 1954

1953		
Jan. 28	Throttle Control	\$ 15.00
Jan. 30	4 Fire Helmets and Straps	54.96
Feb. 4	Battery Charger and Wire	27.75
Feb. 5,	4-Boot & Coat Straps	10.00
Feb. 24	Extinguisher Charges	7.50
Mar. 18	Truck Registration	20.00
Mar. 28	Fog Nozzle & Applicator	37.47
July 17	150 feet 2½ inch Hose	218.05
Sept. 2	2 Batteries	32.00
1954		
Mar. 9.	Truck Registration	2.00
Mar. 22	100 feet 2½ inch Hose, 50 feet 1½ inch Hose	193.55
Apr. 19	2 Pair Asbestos Gloves	7.86

### **Bridgewater Fire Department — continued**

Apr.	26	2 CO2 Extinguishers, 2 Brackets, 2 Gal. Wet Water	98.00
Nov.	23	15 feet Flexible Tubing	3.78
Dec.	6	Repairs on Truck	24.57
Dec.	6	Insurance	29.76
1955			
Jan.	7	2 Sets Pump Packings and 12 Springs	4.28
Jan.	24	2 Batteries	28.23
Total Expense			\$ 814.76
Balance of Account to be used to help purchase a new Warning System			185.24
Total Town Funds			\$1,000.00

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### **TOWN CLERK'S ACCOUNT**

#### **A. M. CRAM, Town Clerk**

Personal Services as Town Clerk	\$	50.50	
Vital Statistic Reports to State and Town		14.20	
Certificates for Veterans		4.00	
Postage on Town Reports		5.50	
Supplies and care of office		5.00	
Total			\$ 79.20
Paid by Selectmen's order No. 477			\$ 79.20

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### **HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT**

#### **A. M. CRAM, Health Officer**

Services as Health Officer	\$	10.00
Paid by Selectmen's Order No. 477	\$	10.00



## TOWN TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

Total Amount of 1954 Tax Bill		\$48,215.58
Total Amount paid to Treasurer	\$45,009.89	
Discount allowed	1,832.89	
Placed in Constable's hands for collection	1,363.80	
Abated because illegal	9.00	
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		\$48,215.58
Total Taxes Collected	\$45,009.89	
1 per cent of collection	450.10	
Cost of warrant on 58 names @ 5c	2.90	
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		\$ 453.00
Paid by check No. 88		\$ 453.00
Services as Treasurer	100.00	
Printing and Postage on tax bills	25.00	
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		\$ 125.00
Paid by Selectmen's Order No. 477		\$ 125.00

## TREASURER'S SUMMARY

A. M. CRAM, Treasurer, Dr.

Cash on hand Jan. 28, 1954	\$42,657.75
Received on 1954 Tax Bill paid direct to Treasurer	45,009.89
Received from Glenn Woods, Constable Delinquent Taxes	1,343.25
Received on Dog Licenses	396.75
Received on Lease Land Rents	101.88
Received on Beer Licenses	293.00
Received of Stanley Hutt, rent on tenement	176.40
Received of Ed Putnam, rent on Riverside School House	300.00
Received of Belle Marsh, rent on Library	25.00
Received on Lock Box rents	5.00
Received from State Treasurer, Educational Fund	14,888.22
Received from Union High School District No. 4, Transportation	975.00
Received from General Fund, School's share of Taxes	23,440.29
Received from State Treasurer over payment of School Withholding Tax	29.12
Received from State Treasurer on Highways and Bridges	11,345.50
Received from other towns for plowing roads	257.85
Received from Insurance Rebate or over payment	18.39
Received from State Treasurer, Rebate on Edith Howard	399.78
Received from Arlene Rerosia on Helen Derosia account	20.00
Received from Robert Rambo, reimburse- ment to Town	16.95

### **Treasurer's Summary — continued**

Received from Kenneth Bridge, reimburse- ment to Town	2.00	
Received from Warren George, re- imbursement	9.86	
Received from Horace Hoisington, re- imbursement	19.78	
Received from Reuben Harris, re- imbursement	10.05	
Received from American Tel. & Tel., dividends on Cemetery Funds	18.00	
Received from Selectmen for work done by Road Department on Bridges	42.50	
		<hr/> \$141,802.21

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### **A. M. CRAM, Treasurer, Cr.**

Paid Selectmen's Orders	\$ 5,818.38	
Paid School Directors' Orders	46,392.67	
Paid Highway Orders	18,632.65	
Paid Overseer's Orders	5,084.13	
Paid Vermont Agricultural Extension Serv.	168.04	
Paid Vermont State Treasurer, Old Age Assistance Tax	1,017.90	
Paid Vermont State Treasurer, on State Highway System	1,288.62	
Paid on Loans other than School Loans	2,105.00	
Paid A. M. Cram Collection fees and Warrant	453.00	
Paid School District from General Fund 1954 Taxes	23,440.29	
Paid Physicians on Vital Statistics	8.75	
Cash on hand January 28, 1955	37,392.78	
		<hr/> \$141,802.21

## SUMMARY OF TOWN FINANCES

### ASSETS

Cash on hand Jan. 28, 1955	\$37,392.78	
Delinquent Taxes for 1954	1,177.25	
Delinquent Taxes prior to 1954	844.73	
		\$39,414.76
Pledge to the School Department	\$22,850.84	
Town Assets (net)	16,563.92	

### LIABILITIES

E. S. Curtis Estate	\$ 500.00	
Albert and Winifred Cram	2,500.00	
Frank Shurtleff	3,000.00	
Lillie Atwood	1,000.00	
Lillian Potwin	500.00	
William Dugan Cemetery Fund	150.00	
Unpaid Overseer's Orders	50.87	
Unpaid School Orders	733.21	
Unpaid Highway Orders	85.83	
Unpaid Selectmen's Orders	213.40	
		\$ 8,733.31
Net Town Assets	\$16,563.92	
Surplus	7,830.61	
Surplus last year	2,103.63	
Net Gain		\$ 5,726.98

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## AUDITORS' REPORT

This is to certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the Town Officers of Bridgewater and the Town School District and found the same to be correct.

KATHERINE MOSHER

KENNETH H. ATWOOD

MARJORIE BRIDGE

Auditors

January 28, 1955



# REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

## Your Public Health Nursing Service

During 1954 the Vermont Health Department has offered the same type of Public Health Nursing Service as has been available since 1951. The public health nurse for Bridgewater is Miss Ruth J. Miller, R.N., who has her office in Chester.

Miss Miller made 75 visits to or in behalf of 28 residents of Bridgewater during 1954. Her time is divided for the most part among the following activities :

**Health Supervision:** of expectant mothers and young children.

**School Program:** Assistance with vision and hearing testing. Conferences with teachers concerning health problems observed in their pupils and visits to homes, to physicians and to others on behalf of children.

**Clinics and Conferences:** Well child medical conferences for medical examinations and immunizations for children under 6, and for school children in selected grades.

Chest X-ray Clinics and Crippled Children's Clinics are others in which she assists.

She may also arrange for referrals to Child Guidance Clinics and to Tumor Clinics.

Twenty-three children under 6 were examined by Dr. A. M. Cram at two well child conferences arranged by interested local people.

Thirty-three school age children were also examined by Dr. Cram. Many of the children examined had decayed teeth. This is true in all sections of Vermont and is a problem which merits special attention. It would not be possible to carry on an educational campaign among both children and adults, stressing the importance of regular use of tooth brush, lower consumption of sweets and soft drinks, higher consumption of milk and vegetables, and provision of supplementary A and D vitamins for all children.

In a program such as ours, in which the nurses all have large territories, the success of their work depends upon the interest and cooperation of the local people. Many people in Bridgewater have been of assistance, and we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge what they have done to promote health in their home town.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY M. ALLEN, R.N.  
Public Health Nursing Supervisor

## CEMETERY REPORT

### CENTER CEMETERY

Francis D. Clapp Fund, June 5, 1925	\$ 400.00	
Accumulated Interest	326.49	
Repair and upkeep		\$ 151.00

### MT. PLEASANT

Mulloy Fund Share Tel. & Tel. Stock,		
Dec. 12, 1952	100.00	
Interest	20.25	
Elby S. Curtis Share Tel. & Tel. Stock,		
July 24, 1953	100.00	
Interest	13.50	
Franklin Gates Fund	100.00	
Interest	14.68	
Lewis Spaulding Fund, 1952	200.00	
Interest	27.18	
Victor King Fund, March 4, 1926	200.00	
Interest	10.22	
William Dugan Fund	150.00	
Interest	12.00	
General care and upkeep		\$ 202.38

### TOPLIFF CEMETERY

Davis Fund	100.00	
Interest	14.38	
Potter and Withington	100.00	
Interest	10.12	
Care and upkeep		\$ 37.00

### JOSSELYN CEMETERY

Josselyn Fund	160.93	
Interest	23.98	
Care and upkeep		4.00

### MENDALL CEMETERY

Care and upkeep		25.00
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### BRIDGEWATER HILL

Knowlton Fund	60.00	
Interest	51.71	
Care and upkeep		66.70

### NORTH BRIDGEWATER CEMETERY

David Montague Fund	500.00	
Interest	108.95	
Care and upkeep		25.00
January 28, 1955		

Respectfully submitted  
 ALBERT C. ADAMS  
 FRANK N. JENNE  
 EDWIN R. PUTNAM  
 Selectmen of Bridgewater

## BRIDGEWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Expenses, Receipts, and Comparative Budgets

	July 1, '53 To July 1, '54	July 1, '54 To Feb. 1, '55	Budget 1954- 1955	Proposed Budget 1955-1956
EXPENSES				
Superintendent's				
Salary	\$ 587.52	\$ 338.80	\$ 587.00	\$ 587.00
Superintendent's				
Office & Expense	157.18	1.75	128.00	128.00
School Board	224.55	202.66	200.00	200.00
Teachers' Salaries	11,328.02	5,359.50	10,349.00	16,777.00
High School Tuition	11,485.29	13,810.00	12,825.00	12,810.00
Textbooks	67.17	185.40	200.00	225.00
Instructional Supplies	526.92	484.66	650.00	650.00
Janitor & Cleaner	1,051.32	551.25	1,600.00	1,600.00
Janitor Supplies	245.21	108.26	150.00	150.00
Fuel	1,420.67	697.06	1,565.00	2,115.00
Lights	232.17	102.15	235.00	335.00
Repairs & Upkeep	2,851.67	618.01	1,000.00	1,000.00
Furniture & Equip.	308.48	145.97	500.00	500.00
Transportation	2,241.18	1,537.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Social Security	89.08	43.00		90.00
Insurance	512.36	264.18	400.00	500.00
Fixed Charges	83.17	3.77		
Capital Outlay		414.96		850.00
Interest	406.69	15.07	50.00	
Paid on Debt	11,366.92	1,033.08	2,033.08	
Superintendent's				
Travel	108.24	92.12	160.00	160.00
State Tax	248.80	94.24	248.00	250.00
Retirement	1,105.97	422.40	1,100.00	1,150.00
Federal Tax	1,932.80	742.80	1,930.00	1,950.00
Total:	\$49,046.38	\$27,500.59	\$38,565.08	\$44,827.00
RECEIPTS				
School Tax	\$27,445.68	\$22,354.41	\$22,479.08	\$28,099.00
Special School Tax		1,085.88	1,033.00	
State Aid	15,053.54	14,888.22	15,053.00	15,053.00
Refund—State Aid	5,184.87			
State Aid Repairs	300.00			
Lease Land	133.00			100.00
Rent, Misc.	489.12	377.90		375.00
Balance on hand,				
July 1st	10,245.73	9,805.56		
Union High School				
District Transportation		975.00		1,200.00
Total:	\$58,851.94	\$49,537.35	\$38,565.08	\$44,827.00

**Cost Per School**  
**July 1, 1953 to July 1, 1954**

	Village 121 Pupils	Corners 33 Pupils	Center
Teachers' Salaries	\$ 8,982.26	\$ 2,345.76	\$
Supervision	470.02	117.50	
Instructional Supplies	421.54	105.38	
Textbooks	55.07	12.10	
Janitors' Services & Supplies	841.06	210.26	
Fuel	1,146.88	273.79	
Lights	180.11	49.06	3.00
Insurance	145.24	37.26	
School Directors	179.64	44.91	
Repairs & Upkeep	1,168.98	636.51	28.00
Transportation	1,792.95	448.23	
Total:	\$15,383.75	\$ 4,280.76	\$ 31.00
Old Village School—Repairs		\$41.93	
Old Village School—Insurance		16.20	
		\$58.13	
Cost Per Pupil based on Average Daily Attendance		\$	150.15

**School Directors' Report**

Lucy Prior, Clerk		
Stamped envelopes		
Credit by School Directors' Order No. 159		\$ 8.82
Credit by School Directors' State Dues		
Credit by School Directors' Order No. 202		6.00
School Census		
Credit by School Directors' Order No. 59		12.84
Personal Services	\$ 25.00	
Services as Clerk	100.00	
Credit by School Directors' Order No. 177		125.00
Account Book		
Credit by School Directors' Order No. 1855		10.50
Order Books		
Credit by School Directors' Order No. 1928		10.00
Vaughan Taylor		
Personal Services		
Credit by School Directors' Order No. 175		25.00
Eugene Leavitt		
Personal Services		
Credit by School Directors' Order No. 176		25.00
Total:		\$223.16



## Comparative Enrollments For The Past Five Years

	Elementary	Senior High	Total
1950	135	40	175
1951	147	43	190
1952	150	44	194
1953	152	45	197
1954	151	42	193

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## Enrollments

Bridgewater	Grades								Total
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Total</b>
Village	21	27	16			21	19	16	120
Corners				14	17				31
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Totals :	21	27	16	14	17	21	19	16	151

## REPORT OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Herewith is respectfully submitted the annual report of the status of the local schools:

The following are the teachers in the Town of Bridgewater: Bridgewater Village—Miss Anne Morrill, grades 1 and 2; Mrs. Edith Moxley, grades 2 and 3; Mrs. Grace Fenn, grades 4 and 5; Mrs. Bernice White, grade 6; and Mr. Earl Thomas, grades 7 and 8.

We feel Bridgewater is very fortunate to have a fine faculty of teachers this year and we hope that they will want to return for the next school year.

The Bridgewater Corners School was greatly improved this year by the addition of a hot lunch kitchen. This project cost \$414.96 and we feel that this money was well spent as it is likely that the Corners School will be used for many years. No other major repairs were done at the Village or the Corners.

Appreciation should be extended to the Bridgewater PTA for sponsoring a fine hot lunch program for the Village and the Corners.

The enrollment per grade for the coming school year creates a major problem. The enrollment for the second and third grade this year is 43. Part of the second grade had to be divided between the first grade and second grade room. Forty-nine pupils for next year in these grades would be unreasonable. The following is the anticipated enrollment per grade:

Grades							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
20	21	27	16	14	17	21	20

The School Board has given a great deal of thought to the best interest of the Bridgewater children and they feel that it would be advisable to add two additional teachers so that the pupils in the first, second, third, fourth, seventh, and eighth grades would have one grade per room. The fifth and sixth grade could work together. It appears to be advisable to reopen the Bridgewater Center School and transport one of the upper grades to the Center. For a second additional room, the School Directors are investigating several possibilities.

The elementary cost per pupil for the past year was \$179.90.

On June 25, 1954, Bridgewater and Pomfret voted to join with Woodstock to form the Union High School District. On

## **School Directors' and Superintendent's Report — continued**

August 18, 1954, a union high school district meeting was warned to organize. They voted at this meeting to operate a high school during the present school year as a union high school. Another committee was appointed following the organization meeting of representatives from each of the three towns to study the needs and to recommend a site for a new union building. On November 10, 1954, the union high school district voted yes 276; no 127 to purchase twenty-eight acres from Floyd Heselton for the Union High School District site.

A union high school district financial report will be available prior to the first annual union high school district meeting to be held April 13, 1955.

The cost per pupil for high school instruction for the year 1953-1954 was \$285.96. The state average for that same year was \$293.76. The high school instruction cost for two towns similar to Woodstock are Middlebury with a cost of \$419.93 and Proctor with a cost of \$484.79. The cost per pupil for Woodstock of \$285.96 did not include the cost for any capital outlay or for any major equipment. The cost per pupil for the union high school for the present year will be about \$305.00 per pupil. This will include equipment, thus, the cost is more fairly distributed between the three towns. The budget for the union high school district has been prepared and it is anticipated that this same rate will continue for the coming school year.

It is anticipated that citizens of the Union High School District will be called upon in a few months to vote on a proposed union high school building. We wish to urge every citizen to vote on the proposed plans.

On behalf of the citizens of Bridgewater, Pomfret, and Woodstock, I wish to express appreciation to the Planning Committee consisting of Frank Jenne and Harlan Booth of Bridgewater; Richard Dana and George Clark of Pomfret; and G. M. Nelson, Stanley E. Wilson and Dorothy Thompson of Woodstock for their faithful way they have studied the needs and requirements for a union high school building. I also wish to express appreciation to the School Directors who have met

## **School Directors' and Superintendent's Report — continued**

many times with the planning committee. Special acknowledgement should be given to Mr. G. M. Nelson who has acted as chairman of both Planning Committees.

The Union High School District furnishes transportation to the Bridgewater pupils. The Bridgewater School District received from the Union High School District \$975.00 for transportation this year. If these high school pupils had furnished their own transportation, it would have cost the parents about \$3,800.00.

A careful budget has been proposed for the school year 1955-'56. The school board recommends a tax of \$3.60.

Respectfully submitted,  
VAUGHAN TAYLOR, Chairman  
LUCY PRIOR, Clerk  
EUGENE LEAVITT,  
School Directors

CLARENCE F. AMSDEN,  
Superintendent of Schools



# VITAL STATISTICS

## Births

Name of Child	Sex	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Residence	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Hilder Carol Adams	F	Sept. 24, '54	Bridgewater	Bridgewater	Carroll Leon Adams	Catherine Leota McKinstry
Janet Lee Baker	F	Sept. 10, '54	Rutland	Bridgewater	Walter Pearl Baker	Doris Marilyn Archer
Pamela Jean Bellimer	F	Apr. 22, '54	Lebanon, N.H.	Bridgewater	Lyle Edward Bellimer	Ilene Joyce Brown
Stephen Paul Carr	M	June 14, '54	Windsor	Bridgewater	Donald James Carr	Pauline Louise Allard
Vernon Louis Dayle	M	May 25, '54	Bridgewater	Woodstock	Bernard Edward Dayle	Marie Bessie Blanchard
Arnold William Driscoll	M	Feb. 2, '54	Bridgewater	Cavendish	John Wilfred Driscoll	Melba Anna Geno
Michael Francis Driscoll	M	Aug. 13, '54	Lebanon, N.H.	Bridgewater	Francis Xavier Driscoll	Pauline Helen Harris
Peter Joseph Floyd	M	Jan. 11, '54	Rutland	Bridgewater	George Arthur Floyd	Beatrice Pauline West
Gary Lee Heselton	M	Feb. 27, '54	Rutland	Bridgewater	Harley Eugene Heselton	Anne Mae Spilak
Steven Paul Hickory	M	Apr. 6, '54	Rutland	Bridgewater	Paul Martin Hickory	Iris Lucy Neil
James Lowell Landis	M	Sept. 17, '54	Hanover	Bridgewater	Abram K. Landis	Bessie Derstine
Corinne May Longe	F	June 4, '54	Bridgewater	Pomfret	Charles Henry Longe	Shirley Edna Phillips
Craig Fred Mosher	M	June 19, '54	Rutland	Bridgewater	Carroll Clyde Mosher	Mary Elizabeth Fraser
Dale Clyde Mosher	M	Feb. 22, '54	Hanover, N.H.	Bridgewater	Bernard Edward Mosher	Mary Christine Cashion
Mark Lloyd Oldenburg	M	May 12, '54	Lebanon, N.H.	Bridgewater	Lloyd Stanley Oldenburg	Sally Ann Vaughan
Earl Alvin Patterson, Jr.	M	Feb. 19, '54	Lebanon, N.H.	Bridgewater	Earl Alvin Patterson	Marjorie Mae Corey
Nancy Elaine Sawyer	F	Oct. 10, '54	Rutland	Bridgewater	Richard Evan Sawyer	Mary Williams
Cindy Louise Severance	F	Aug. 4, '54	Rutland	Bridgewater	Lloyd Warren Severance	Beverly Frances Bates
Sandra Lee Sloan	F	Dec. 17, '54	Rutland	Bridgewater	Harold Lewis Sloan	Mildred Pearl Bowles
Wayne Allen Taylor	M	Oct. 24, '54	Bridgewater	Bridgewater	Kenneth Edwin Taylor	Nellie May Blanchard
Randall John Thompson	M	Oct. 31, '54	Hanover, N.H.	Bridgewater	John Leslie Thompson	Muriel Lucille Sherman
Joel Arthur Waters	M	July 17, '54	Windsor	Bridgewater	Phillip Thompson Waters	Harriet Laura Lewis
Joan Marie Westcott	F	July 2, '54	Hanover, N.H.	Bridgewater	Alan Richard Westcott	Margaret Emily Rose

## OMITTED LAST YEAR

Sandra Lee Jenne	F	June 12, '53	Hanover, N.H.	Bridgewater	Warren Nathaniel Jenne	Joan Elizabeth Paige
Tamara Lynn Parker	F	Aug. 14, '53	Hanover, N.H.	Bridgewater	Herbert Martin Parker	Violen Ida Woods
Randall James Phelps	M	Dec. 28, '53	Hanover, N.H.	Bridgewater	Louis D. Phelps	Margaret Frances Mandigo

## Marriages

Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence	Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage
Brian Norwood Adams	Bridgewater	Arlene Elizabeth DeRosia	Bridgewater	Sept. 10, '54	Woodstock
Royal Edgar Biathrow	Bridgewater	Norma Jean Towne	Sherburne	July 10, '54	Rutland
Russell Arthur Brown	Rochester	Audrey Jean Moore	Bridgewater	May 5, '54	Bridgewater
Elmer Francis Canastra	Schenectady, N. Y.	Patricia May Patterson	Schenectady, N. Y.	May 11, '54	Bridgewater
Thornton A. W. Delehanty	Princeton, N.J.	Virginia Wagner Low	New York City	Jan. 2, '54	Bridgewater
Thomas Francis Ellis	Bridgewater	Pauline Emma Putnam	Bridgewater	June 2, '54	Bridgewater
Maurice Robert Moxley	Bridgewater	Doris Josephine Blake	Montgomery Ctr.	July 19, '54	St. Albans
James Stanley Plummer	Bridgewater	Norma Ilene Hoisington	Bridgewater	Mar. 13, '54	Rutland
Wilbur Wilson Putnam	Bridgewater	Madeline Gladys O'Neil	Woodstock	Aug. 10, '54	Bridgewater
John Stratton Sailer	Plymouth	Bette Ann Woods	Bridgewater	July 24, '54	Bridgewater
Forrest Cone Seaver	Woodstock	Glenna Jane Hall	Bridgewater	Sept. 11, '54	Woodstock
Victor Edward Whitcomb	Stockbridge	Marion Biathrow	Bridgewater	Jan. 5, '54	Bridgewater

## Deaths

Name	Sex	Age	Date of Death	Place of Death	Residence
Evelyn May Adams	F	40	Jan. 15, 1954	Bridgewater	Bridgewater
Raymond G. Adams	M	45	Sept. 24, 1954	Windsor	Bridgewater
Eva Bayliss	F	47	Apr. 23, 1954	Waterbury	Bridgewater
Marion Berry	F	77	Aug. 5, 1954	Bridgewater	Bridgewater
Elby Sylvanus Curtis	M	82	Feb. 14, 1954	Bridgewater	Bridgewater
Catherine M. Doty	F	67	Jan. 26, 1954	Bridgewater	Bridgewater
Alice E. Furbur	F	85	Aug. 31, 1954	Bridgewater	Bridgewater
Edith Howard	F	53	Jan. 6, 1954	Rutland	Bridgewater
Nellie Burnice Ide	F	72	May 5, 1954	Bridgewater	Greensboro, Md.
George Peoples	M	68	Aug. 7, 1954	Hanover	Bridgewater
Sadie Ann Sawyer	F	71	Nov. 20, 1954	Bridgewater	Bridgewater
Cindy Louise Severance	F	2 mo.	Oct. 4, 1954	Bridgewater	Bridgewater
David Standish Waite	M	78	June 10, 1954	Bridgewater	Bridgewater
Kusma Wasiluk	M	65	Nov. 26, 1954	Bridgewater	Bridgewater
Eva Worth	F	53	Mar. 17, 1954	Hanover	Bridgewater











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